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CHARLESTON, IL--Eastern Illinois University is one of 30 institutions of higher learning selected as a study site by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching.

The study, "College: A Report on Undergraduate Education in America," will be published in 1986 by Harper and Row. Purpose of the project is "to understand more thoroughly the undergraduate experience in institutions of higher learning..." according to Ernest L. Boyer, the Foundation's president.

Eastern President Stanley Rives said "we are extremely pleased that the prestigious Carnegie Foundation has selected Eastern as one of the universities to be studied." Rives said he did not yet know the names of the other participating institutions.

As part of the study, "an experienced observer-reporter" will visit the campus for three weeks during the fall semester. Boyer said the observer will attend classes and campus events, spend time with faculty members and students, attend faculty meetings, and visit with administrators and members of the Board of Governors, Eastern's governing body.

Dr. Margaret Soderberg, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs, will be the chief liaison officer with the Foundation's observer. "We will, of course, cooperate in every way possible with the study by assisting the observer and providing all request documentation," Dr. Soderberg said.

In 1983 Boyer authored the Foundation's study of secondary schools. The Princeton-based Carnegie Foundation conducts policy studies aimed at improving the quality of schools.